

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.  
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'  
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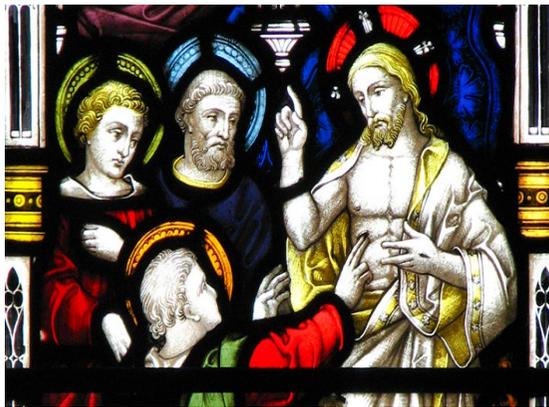
## Gospel

John 20: 19-31

*Theme: Eight days later, Jesus came.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said.

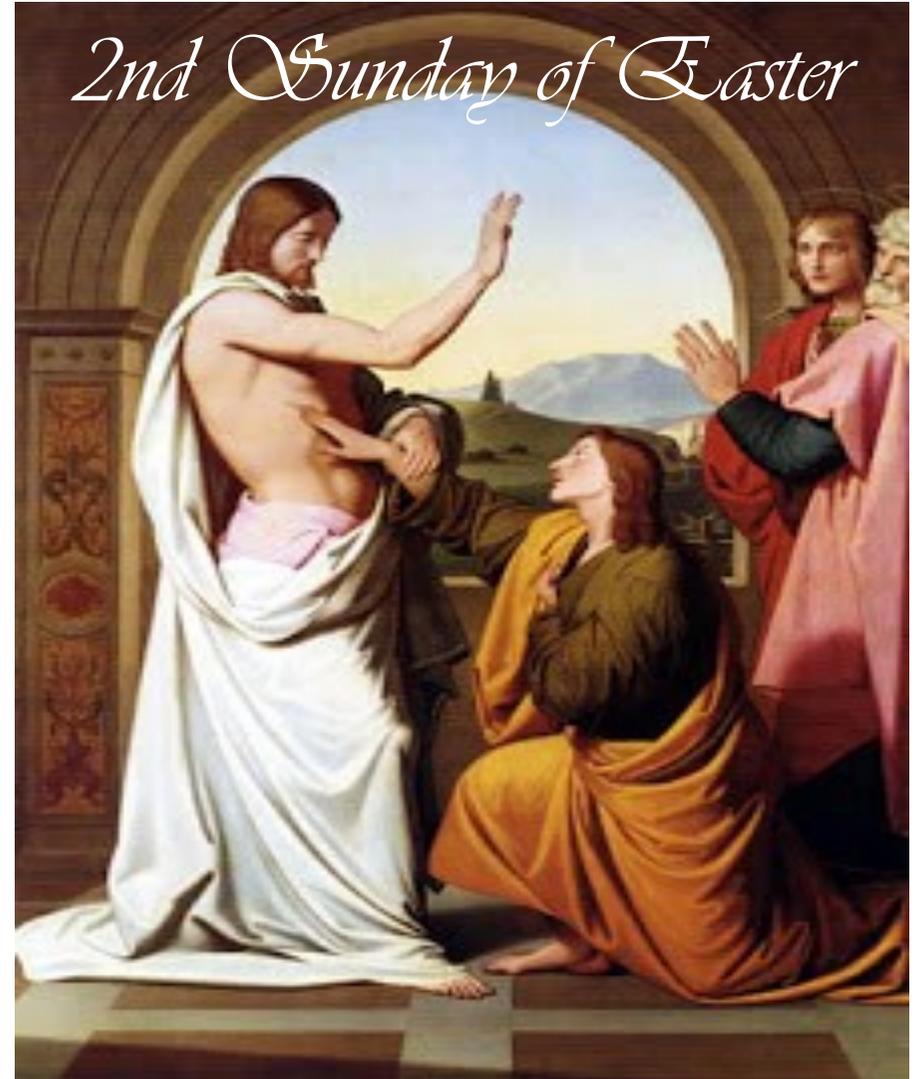
Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



## Welcome to All Saints' Parish Church

19th April 2020

*2nd Sunday of Easter*



## Today we pray for:

**those with birthdays:** Alex Langford-Pollard, Carly Steward,  
Monty Omadeli-enje (9) & Judith Barben

**the sick:** Claire Wood, Sandra Gait & Louise Pike

**the anniversaries of death of:** Thomas Bird, Theodora Miller,  
Annie Brunswick, Judy Smart, Lawrence Brown,  
Evie Mattieson & Peter Cousins



## Collect

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## 1st Reading

Acts 2: 42-47

*Theme: The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common.*

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

## Gradual Psalm

118: 2-6. 13-15. 22-24

✠ Give thanks to the Lord who is good,  
for his love has no end.

Let the children of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let the children of Aaron say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord say:

‘His love has no end.’ ✠

I was thrust, thrust down and falling  
but the Lord was my helper.  
The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he was my saviour.  
There are shouts of joy and victory  
in the tents of the just. ✠  
The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. ✠

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## 2nd Reading

1 Peter 1: 3-9

*Theme: In his great mercy he has given us a new birth as his sons  
by raising Jesus from the dead.*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

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